

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) A method for controlling insects, arachnids, or nematodes in agriculture, comprising contacting said insects, arachnids, nematodes, or their habitat with a synergistic mixture of imidacloprid and clothianidin, wherein the weight ratio of imidacloprid to clothianidin is from 10:1 to 1:10, ~~two active compounds~~ selected from the following combinations:

Mixture No.	First active compound	Second active compound
1	imidacloprid	clothianidin
2	imidacloprid	dinotefuran
3	imidacloprid	thiamethoxam
4	imidacloprid	thiacloprid
5	imidacloprid	acetamiprid
6	imidacloprid	nitenpyram
7	clothianidin	dinotefuran
8	clothianidin	thiamethoxam
9	clothianidin	thiacloprid
10	clothianidin	acetamiprid
11	clothianidin	nitenpyram
12	dinotefuran	thiamethoxam
13	dinotefuran	thiacloprid
14	dinotefuran	acetamiprid
15	dinotefuran	nitenpyram
16	thiamethoxam	thiacloprid
17	thiamethoxam	acetamiprid
18	thiamethoxam	nitenpyram
19	thiacloprid	acetamiprid
20	thiacloprid	nitenpyram
21	acetamiprid	nitenpyram

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein said contacting comprising contacting seeds of plants.

8. (Currently amended) A synergistic ~~combination~~ composition comprising imidacloprid and clothianidin, and, optionally, one or more extenders, one or more surface-active substances, or a combination of one or more extenders and one or more surface-active substances, wherein the weight ratio of imidacloprid to clothianidin is from 10:1 to 1:10. ~~of two active compounds selected from the following combinations:~~

Mixture No.	First active compound	Second active compound
1	imidacloprid	clothianidin
2	imidacloprid	dinotefuran
3	imidacloprid	thiamethoxam
4	imidacloprid	thiacloprid
6	imidacloprid	nitenpyram
7	clothianidin	dinotefuran
8	clothianidin	thiamethoxam
9	clothianidin	thiacloprid
10	clothianidin	acetamiprid
11	clothianidin	nitenpyram
12	dinotefuran	thiamethoxam
13	dinotefuran	thiacloprid
14	dinotefuran	acetamiprid
15	dinotefuran	nitenpyram
16	thiamethoxam	thiacloprid
17	thiamethoxam	acetamiprid
18	thiamethoxam	nitenpyram
19	thiacloprid	acetamiprid
20	thiacloprid	nitenpyram
21	acetamiprid	nitenpyram

9. (Currently amended) A method for protecting seeds or growing plants, comprising contacting said seeds or said growing plants with a ~~combination~~ composition according to claim 8.

10. (Currently amended) A seed treated with a ~~eombination~~ composition according to claim 8.

11. (Currently amended) A method of controlling animal pests, comprising contacting said animal pests with a ~~eombination~~ composition according to claim 8.

12. (Currently amended) A method for preparing pesticides, comprising mixing a ~~eombination according to claim 8,~~ imidacloprid and clothianidin together with one or more extenders, one or more surface-active substances, or a combination of one or more extenders and one or more surface-active substances, wherein the weight ratio of imidacloprid to clothianidin is from 10:1 to 1:10.

13. (New) A method according to claim 6, wherein the weight ratio of imidacloprid to clothianidin is 1 to 1.

14. (New) A synergistic composition according to claim 8, wherein the weight ratio of imidacloprid to clothianidin is 1 to 1.

15. (New) A method according to claim 12, wherein the weight ratio of imidacloprid to clothianidin is 1 to 1.